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## Two Red Wing Cadets Attend Flight Academy

Cadets Travis and Lucas Hansen members of the Red Wing Composite Squadron recently graduated from the 2002 Minnesota Wing Flight Academy with Solo wings pinned to their uniforms.

Cadet Travis Hansen soloed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, under the instruction of Major Manny Block.

Cadet Lucas Hansen performed a Pre-solo flight on the 18 of July, under the instruction of Captain Jerry Wolfgram.

Please congratulate both of the Hansen Cadets for their Outstanding achievements.

### History of the Flight Academy:

For 35 years Minnesota Wing has conducted Solo Flight Training for its Cadets. Through the Aerospace Education program that cadets participate in they learn about the principals of aviation and participate in a series of Cadet Orientation Flights in a CAP plane.

Cadets from several wings come here to Minnesota to participate in the Academy. They go through an intense review process and are interviewed by the Commander and senior CAP Check Pilots. The best of these cadets are



Cadet Lucas Hansen receiving instruction from ???

selected to attend the Academy in either the Powered or Glider Tracks.

As with the Minnesota Wing Encampment, Flight Academy is staffed by a team of volunteers. These Senior Members (and some times even cadets) use their hard earned vacations from work to train cadets. Next time you see a Senior Member, please remember to thank them for the time that they spend making this program possible for the Cadets.

## One Red Wing Cadet Attends the International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) to Belgium

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Emily Hellmuth left July 11 for a 3 week good-will trip to Belgium.

The International Air Cadet Exchange is designed to promote international understanding, goodwill, and friendship among young people in different countries who have a common interest in aviation.

All Cadets who turn 17 years old by **1 July 2002** and have earned the Amelia Earhart Award by **31 December 2001** are invited by CAP's National Commander to apply for the International Air Cadet Exchange (pronounced I-A-C-E). Cadets must not have reached their 21st birthday. Escorts must be at least 25 years old before and must have earned at least the senior rating in the cadet programs specialty track.

Look for more information from Cadet Hellmuth's trip in next months newsletter.



## **Thunderbirds at Eau Claire Airshow.**

### **2002 Upward Air Show**

*Chippewa Valley Regional Airport*

***Just Confirmed!***

***Stealth Fly-by both days! Elvises of the Sky! US Navy Band - Horizons***

The 2002 Upward Air Show will Celebrate America and our American heroes. Our featured performers are the United States Air Force, **Thunderbird** jet demonstration team, The US Navy **Leap Frogs**, parachute team, and **Lima-Lima** and their T-34 precision flying.

The Upward Air Show features mix of ground and air-based U.S. military hardware.

Attendees will have the opportunity to get up close and touch multi-million dollar hi-tech military aircraft displays and talk to military pilots as well as their crewmembers.

For the EAA enthusiast, there will be unique civilian aircraft galore!

Where else can you stand within 1,500 feet of screeching military fighter jet demos as pilots "turn and burn" just below the speed of sound?

***Mark your calendars for the Weekend of August 24-25, 2002 and join us in Eau Claire, Wisconsin! This will be the ONLY military jet team performance in Wisconsin or Minnesota in 2002. Dont miss it!***

The Upward Air show, Chippewa Valley Regional Airport, Eau Claire, WI will feature the USAF Thunderbirds and USN Leap Frogs and more on August 24th & 25th.

Gates open at 9:00 AM, show begins at 11:00 AM, Thunderbirds take off at 3:45, gates close at 6:00 PM.

Daily gate admission: \$15.00 or \$12.00 before August 23rd at [www.ecwijaycees.org](http://www.ecwijaycees.org). See web site for Limited Special President's tickets. Children 11 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Automobile parking \$3.00 RVs \$5.00.

## **Civil Air Patrols Cadet Aerospace Education Program**

The CAP Aerospace Internal Education program focuses differently on cadets and on senior members. Cadet aerospace education works through a number of methods to help share the excitement and wonder of aviation. The primary thrust of the education mission comes through the Aerospace Textbook that CAP cadets use for their promotions. Cadets are expected to read their textbook and develop a command of the material. This is then tested through a series of written tests. Cadets must receive a 70% on a 50 questions aerospace test in order to earn a promotion.

The second phase of cadet aerospace education involves flight training. CAP cadets, unlike CAP senior members, can earn their private pilot's certificate in CAP aircraft. Each year wings and National Headquarters sponsor Solo encampments where cadets can earn their solo rating in powered flight. Typically only the cutting edge are admitted to these encampment because enrollment is limited. With or without the solo encampment experience, a cadet can earn their license to fly. Typically a license earned through CAP will cost 50%-75% less than at a local FBO or flight school. Cadets must use CFI's who are CAP members during their training.

The last aspect of cadet aerospace education deals with hands on aerospace experiences. Each squadron has an assigned Aerospace Officer who is responsible for teaching classes, arranging tours, and setting up demonstrations. In addition, cadets are eligible for up to nine Orientation Flights during their cadet career. These flight are not flight training, but they introduce cadets to the world of aviation and seek to develop excitement and enthusiasm about aviation. Cadets are also eligible to attend many special activities that are aviation related such as the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course, the Air Force Air Education and Training Commander Familiarization Training Course, the National Glider Encampment, a joint activity with Embry-Riddle University and another with TransCom Flight Academy. Cadets can earn scholarships towards their pilot's license or other aviation related activities

## Parent Involvement is the Key!!

What a great turn out we had when we invited the parents to the squadron in July!! I was excited to see everyone there!!

I would like to invite all of the parents out again on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September for a Parent's Meeting.

On the agenda for the night, we will discuss the upcoming Open House & how parents might be able to help out. We will also discuss future activities, future squadron fundraisers, NCOS, & your own cadets progress in the program.

I have scheduled the meeting on a Thursday night during a regular meeting. We can get started at 7pm. How long the meeting will last will be entirely up to you.

We have the schedule set for the next 3 months, but are always looking for new ideas: instructors, classes, etc. If you, as a parent, would like to teach a class, or know someone who would, please let me know.

We were very busy in July with many activities. We had cadets participate in a Fly-In Pancake Breakfast in Winona, Minnesota Wing Flight Academy, & the trip to Valley Fair.

August is shaping up to be a busy month as well. We started off with a Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at the Red Wing Airport. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, there is a USAF evaluated SAREX (many cadets are not yet qualified for this activity, but will be when it comes around next year!!). On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have cadets participating in a Color Guard for the Pierce County Fair.

At the end of the month, Captain Blaze Cunningham will be taking a group of cadets to the State Fair to have fun & recruit for the entire Wing.

At this point, that is July & August in a nutshell. In September we will be doing some Emergency Services Training of our own.

Thank you once again for allowing me to work with your children, I hope that we will get to know each other a little better through quarterly parent's meetings. I value your knowledge & opinions & am always looking for suggestions to make our unit the best unit in Minnesota Wing.

## This Month in Our Squadrons History

### July

*Last year* - 1 Senior, 4 Cadets attend the 2001 Cadet Encampment at Grand Forks AFB, ND  
*5 yrs ago* - Nine squadron cadets take O-ride in Alaska Wing Dehavilland Beaver aircraft  
*10 yrs ago* - Luke Wegner promoted to C/SSgt, Bryce Duncan promoted to C/A1C  
*15 yrs ago* - Marilyn (Lucas) West promoted to C/Sgt

### August

*Last year* - 1st Lt Pat Schultz promoted to Captain; C/2d Lt Sarah Westphall received Gen Billy Mitchell Award  
*5 yrs ago* - Capt Vicki Eckhoff along with cadets Troy Dugstad and Ryan Hinz attend WAWG Encampment  
*10 yrs ago* - (not enough history recorded)  
*15 yrs ago* - (not enough history recorded)



## Rotating First Sergeants Program (RFSP) Accelerated Leadership Program (ALP)

**(RFSP)** Because our squadron is short on Sergeants & Officers, & currently over-stocked on Airman, we I have decided to implement a program that will ensure that we have adequate cadet leaders to take our squadron to the top in 2003.

The requirements to participate in the RFSP are as follows:

- Must be 14+ years of age.
- 100% attendance during rotation month.
- Currently attending meetings & activities.
- Available 1 non-meeting night during rotation month.
- Understanding of Customs & Courtesies.
- Understanding of Grooming Standards.
- Good communication & organizational skills.

The duties of the RFSP participant during the cadets rotation month will include, but are not limited to:

- Squadron Call Downs
- Weekly Attendance Records
- Project Officer for 1 unit activity.
- Uniform Inspections
- Weekly Operating Paperwork

Currently, the following cadets have enrolled in the RFSP program:

- **Aaron Plumley**
- **Brandon Avery**
- **Adam Carlstrom**
- **Tom Hofmeister**
- **Joe Homan**
- **Paul Austin**
- **Alicia Perry**

### ➤ **Matt Brown**

Because of the level of response for this program, cadets will double up. For the month of August, the rotating participants are: Cadet Aaron Plumley & Cadet Adam Carlstrom. Cadets may still sign up if they are interested in this program.

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**(ALP)** For the same reasons that I implemented the RFSP, I have implemented the ALP. This program is for the future Staff of the squadron.

The requirements to participate in the ALP are as follows:

- Must be 14+ years of age.
- 75% attendance during the next 6 months
- Currently attending meetings & activities.
- Must be able to attend NCO School, which will be held in mid-October during the MEA break in the school year.
- Available 1 non-meeting night per month.
- Understanding of Customs & Courtesies.
- Understanding of Grooming Standards.
- Good communication & organizational skills.

The ALP program will consist of:

- Participation in the RFSP.
- Visits to other squadrons to learn how their programs are run.

- Special Guest Speakers.
- Training with cadet staff from other units.
- A 200 word essay & presentation on a Leadership book.
- Other Special Assignments

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- **Brandon Avery**
- **Adam Carlstrom**
- **Tom Hofmeister**
- **Alicia Perry**

The above cadets have already been given their first 2 assignments!

1. List what you feel are the requirements, duties, responsibilities, & qualities of a Cadet Commander (Due Aug 15<sup>th</sup>)
2. List all squadrons within Minnesota Wing. Also list the Cadet Commanders, Squadron Commanders, and Deputy Commanders for Cadets. (Due Sept 5<sup>th</sup>)

Cadets may also still sign up for this program, but must do so by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.

### **WANTED!!**

**We need a Cadet Public  
Affairs Officer.**

**Duties would include writing  
an article for this newsletter.**



## Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Please remember that the Meeting Agendas may (and will) occasionally change.

Also remember to always dress for the weather, as we may be outside.

### 1 August 2002 *Regular Meeting*

**Uniform: BDUs**

General Emergency Services (Maj Eckhoff)

### 8 August 2002 *Regular Meeting*

**Uniform: BDUs**

Emergency Services (Cadet Paul Austin)

Emergency Services (Major Vicki Eckhoff)

### 15 August 2002 *Regular Meeting*

**Uniform: Blues**

Moral Leadership (Chaplain Don Mikitta)

Aerospace (1Lt Lucas)

### 22 August 2002 *Regular Meeting*

**Uniform: PT Gear (bring boots)**

Drill (Cadets Plumley & Carlstrom)

CPFT (1Lt Mari Lucas)

### 29 August 2002 *Meeting To be announced!*

## Upcoming Activities

### August 4

- Fly-in Breakfast Red Wing Airport assist with Parking & Flight Line

### August 10

- SAR Evaluation-Red Wing Airport, contact Major Andrew Browning for further information

### August 11

- Ellsworth Parade-see 1LT Lucas for more information

### September 20-22

- ES. Bluecap information to be announced. See Major Eckhoff for more information.

### October 4-6

- Ground Team SAR see Major Browning for more information

### October 11-13

- Wing Commanders Course-Breezy Point

### October 16-20

- NCO School and BCOC at Camp Ripley-see 1LT Lucas for more information

## Renewals, Birthdays, New Members

### Renewals:

#### August:

Bryce Duncan  
Jeremy Barsness  
Kirk Polivka

#### September:

Dennis Ostlund  
Karen Barrie  
Todd Mandel  
Isaac Cudd

Leon Klenke  
Mari Lucas  
Matt Brown

### Welcome New Members:

#### Cadets

Cadet Brian Wilson  
Cadet Alex Knapp

#### Seniors

None

#### Membersip:

Cadets-27  
Seniors-33

### Birthdays:

#### August:

Val Hoiium Schultz-21<sup>st</sup>  
Donnie Mikitta 18<sup>th</sup>  
Adam Redlin 4<sup>th</sup>

John Steensen 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Travis Hansen 9<sup>th</sup>  
Todd Plote 11<sup>th</sup>

#### September:

Vicki Eckhoff 10<sup>th</sup>  
Stacy Wegner 16<sup>th</sup>  
Brian Bristol 30<sup>th</sup>





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## PROMOTIONS

Cadet Major Emily Hellmuth to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel  
Cadet Airman Basic Shashona Lucas to Cadet Airman  
Cadet Airman Basic Alicia Perry to Cadet Airman  
Cadet Airman Basic Joe Homan to Cadet Airman  
Cadet Airman Basic Nathaniel Roesler to Cadet Airman

Congratulations to both Cadet Lucas Hansen & Cadet Travis Hansen on their successful completion of Flight Academy.

Congratulations to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Emily Hellmuth for achieving her Ira C. Eaker Award.

For those of you who have not yet promoted, keep working, keep testing, keep trying.

Best of Luck to Flight Officer Katherine Nibbe in her first year of College.

### *The First Cadet...*

**I would like to give all of my cadets some incentive to learn & grow with our program. I also want to make sure that EVERY CADET is reading this newsletter. Even though some of the newsletter does not seem to pertain to the cadets, the information is all important to the entire squadron. So....**

**The first cadet that properly reports to 1Lt Mari Lucas & correctly list the names of the first 3 Achievements in the Cadet Program will receive a prize!!**



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